

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



**CORRECTED
FISCAL NOTE**

HB 408 - SB 424

March 3, 2019

SUMMARY OF BILL: Authorizes parents of landowners and parents of farmland tenants to hunt and fish on such lands without a license, to the same extent as spouses and children of such landowners and tenants under current law.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

On February 24, 2019, a fiscal note was issued for this legislation with the following estimated fiscal impact:

State Revenue – Net Impact – Not Significant/Wildlife Resources Fund

Increase State Expenditures – \$295,000/General Fund

Other Fiscal Impact – A potential recurring decrease in federal funding allocated to the Wildlife Resources Fund up to \$60,200.

Based on incomplete information from TWRA, the fiscal impact was determined to be in error. The estimated fiscal impact has been corrected as follows:

(CORRECTED)

State Revenue – Net Impact – Not Significant/Wildlife Resources Fund

Increase State Expenditures – \$182,600/General Fund

Other Fiscal Impact – A potential recurring decrease in federal funding allocated to the Wildlife Resources Fund up to \$60,200.

Corrected Assumptions:

- It is assumed that 2,409 Tennesseans will take advantage of this exemption.
- It is assumed that at least 50 percent, or 1,205 people, will be at least 65 years of age. The remaining 50 percent, or 1,204 people, are assumed to be less than 65 years of age.
- The average amount spent on hunting licenses by persons age 65 and over is \$29.15.
- The average amount spent on hunting licenses for all other people is \$122.45.

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- The recurring decrease in state revenue to the Wildlife Resources Fund (WRF) is estimated to be \$182,556 $[(1,205 \times \$29.15) + (1,204 \times \$122.45)]$.
- Pursuant to Tenn. Code Ann. §70-2-104(f), the Tennessee Wildlife Resource Agency (TWRA) will be reimbursed from the General Fund for lost revenue resulting from the issuance of free or discounted licenses.
- Federal funding is allocated to each state based on two factors: geographic size of the state and the number of paid license holders. The current federal funding per paid license holder is approximately \$25. This value is determined by dividing the current Tennessee federal allocation by the number of paid license holders.
- Decreasing the number of paid license holder could result in a decrease in federal funding to the WRF. Any such decrease cannot be determined with reasonable certainty but is estimated to be up to \$60,225 $(2,409 \times \$25)$.

CERTIFICATION:

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Krista Lee Carsner". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Krista Lee Carsner, Executive Director

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